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July-August 2010

July & August Recycling Pick-Up Dates

July 6 & 7
July 20 & 21
August 3 & 4
August 17 & 18
August 31 & Sept 1

Fire Department Update

The Fire Department received a grant for new fire hose and nozzles in the amount of \$57,000. This new and updated equipment is beneficial seeing that a majority of our hose and nozzles are outdated and more than twenty-five years old. The timing of this equipment will allow us to outfit the new engine with the most up-to-date equipment.

The new engine that was voted for in 2009 is due on July 1 and is expected to be in full service by the end of July. Equipment will have to be loaded on and mounted in the compartments. Several weeks of driving and pump training will be required before the truck will be in service.

May 22 was the official ground-breaking for the new fire station. The majority of the site has been leveled to prepare for the building's foundation, which has been poured and back-filled. Rough plumbing has been installed for drains; gravel is being leveled and compacted for the cement floors. Materials are being delivered and the frame will be started the last week of June. The building is expected to be all framed and closed in by the end of July.

The bond rate was set at 3.8% for the 20-year bond on the station. This lower rate will decrease the tax impact from our original estimate of 4.5%.

Fire Chief Kevin Lemoine

Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Tons, Mixed Solid Waste	114.94	109.21
Tons, Recycled Goods	24.3 (17.5%)	24.82 (18.5%)

Pine Road Closure for 2 Weeks

The Town of Exeter will be reconstructing the Exeter end of Pine Road beginning the week of July 12, 2010 for approximately two weeks. As a result, Pine Rd. will be closed to through traffic during this period.

Selectmen on Summer Schedule

The Selectmen are now on their summer meeting schedule. They will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays during the months of July and August.

Office of the Selectmen

Update on the Brentwood Tax Assessment Cyclical Data Collection Project

The Brentwood Cyclical Data Collection project is entering the next phase of a 2+ year process to ensure accurate data is represented on each owner's property assessment record. Jim Michaud, the Town's tax assessor contractor hired by the Brentwood Board of Selectmen, has been in town measuring and listing property starting in December of 2008 and will continue through 2010.

Jim has photo identification issued by, and his vehicle information on record at, the Brentwood Police Department. The data collection started in the northern part of town and is moving southerly from there.

It is necessary that property owners please allow the data collectors to inspect the interior as well as conduct exterior measurements of all buildings on the site. If no one is home at the time the data collector arrives, he will leave a yellow call-back card with a phone number for the property owner to call to schedule an interior inspection.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call the Brentwood Board of Selectmen's Office at: 642-6400, ext. 10. Thank you for your cooperation.

Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD On the Web: www.brentwoodnh.gov**TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:**

Phone: 642-6400 X 14
 Monday-Wed.-Thurs. 9:00-4:30
 Tuesday 9:00-8:00
 Friday 8:30-4:00
 Saturday Closed

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310
 Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:30
 Friday 9:00-1:00

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355 E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
 On the Web: <http://home.comcast.net/~bartlettlibrary/>
 Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-4
 Tuesday 9-4 Friday 9-1
 Wednesday 9-4 Saturday 9-1

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487
 Swasey School on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>
 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

From the Town Clerk's Office

When you **register your car, bring two checks**, one for the State and one for the Town of Brentwood. **Also bring** the letter we send you, or your old registration. We need the information printed there. The State does not send us pre-printed forms any more.

The Town Clerk's office is closed on Saturdays in June, July and August.

Historical Note

Brentwood was incorporated by the Province of New Hampshire on June 26, 1742. Therefore we are beginning our 269th year of existence as a town.

In August 1742, a month after the town was incorporated, there were already 126 taxpayers (men who owned property) and their families in town. Settlers had been moving into the area, establishing families and working the land for 90 years, since 1652.

The rivers were the site of most of the early business activity. Many saw mills were needed, and grist mills. Iron works soon followed, for producing tools. Many deeds, agreements and other papers of the era illustrate the sharing of mills, mill yards and water privileges. One man was granted "one twelfth part of a saw

mill at . . . Crawley's Falls with a third part of one quarter part of the iron work belonging to the whole mill with two thirds of one half of the privilege of the whole falls clear across the river."

The Food Pantry in Brentwood

The Food Pantry for the Town of Brentwood is located at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 197 Middle Road in Brentwood. Non-perishable food items are available for any who have need. If you would like to visit the food pantry, please call Rev. Kim McKerley at the church. The number is 778-3189.

Mailing Crew for June

Many thanks on behalf of the town to these members of the Town Office staff and helpers who prepared the June *Newsletter* for mailing: Albert Belanger, Norman Lemoine, Michael Belanger, Kathy St. Hilaire, Jane Byrne, and Phyllis Thompson.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

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Business Card Directory: \$20 per insertion, available in April, September & December issues.
 Business Article: \$100 half page, \$200 full page, available in any issue.

Deadline for September issue: Wednesday, Aug. 25

Mail or bring your articles to Linda Rousseau, 90 Prescott Road, Brentwood, NH 03833,
 or e-mail to lindarou@rcn.com

Exeter High School Graduates

The Brentwood community congratulates all who have graduated from Exeter High School and Seacoast School of Technology. Best wishes go with you in your future endeavors.

The high school guidance office tells us that the names of six students are missing because the office did not have their permission for publication of information.

Caleigh Adler	Randy Ibbitson
Benjamin Anderson	Sarah Imbimbo
Jillian Babcock	Cole Jaillet
Brittney Ballard	William Johnson
Shane Berry	Rebecca Kelley
Nicholas Belanger	Bill Kenyon
Jessica Bick	Victoria Kerkhove
Elizabeth Biron	Patrick Kirby
Alana Bruno	Caitelynd MacGregor
Clara Campbell	Katherine O'Hurley
Jaclyn Case	Adam Olofson
Rachel L. Chesno	Andrew Paolini
Jillian Civiello	Justin Parker
David Claar	Courtney Pearson
Kirstie Clark	Jakob Peterson
Jared Collins	Andrew Poole
Melissa Cook	Kyle Prosser
Blair DeRoo	Nicholas Provencher
Timothy Dibble	Kayla Richardson
James S. Devine	Dylan Ryan
Patrick Dodge	Arianna Schaaff
Nathan Dullea	Sarah Schanck
Alyssa Dupere	Matthew Scott
Nicole Eberhart	Erin Tatarczuk
Katelyn Ellis	Katelyn Thompson
Eric Fuller	Jackson Waldron
Kevin Gargaly	Jacob Wells
Nicole Gaziano	Stephen White
Kevin Hartman	Hannah Worrall
Justin Hartman	Evan Woss
Morgan Herrington	Travis Wysocki
Christina Hubbard	Brian Zahn

From the Superintendent, SAU 16

The Great Bay eLearning Charter School has awarded high school diplomas to 83 students from over 15 communities over the past three years. GBEC opened in 2005 and began awarding diplomas in 2008. Currently it serves 150 students in Grades 8-12 and is located on the Tuck Learning Campus at 30 Linden Street in Exeter.

The Exeter High School graduating class of 2010 is the first group of students to have spent all four years in the "new high school" located on Blue Hawk Drive, just off of Route 27 in Exeter.

Scholarships – Exeter High School and Seacoast School of Technology

Congratulations to all those who pursued scholarships and received them. It took extra effort to do this and they are to be commended.

Brittney Ballard – Girls Basketball Boosters Scholarship.

Elizabeth Biron – Exeter Education Association Scholarship.

Alana Bruno – Blue Polly Scholarship.

Kirstie Clark – Lindon-Green & Gaynor Memorial Scholarships.

Alyssa Dupere – Barbara Counsel French Scholarship.

Cole Jaillet – Exeter Youth Soccer Association Scholarship.

Rebecca Kelley – Osram Sylvania Engineering Scholarship.

Jacob Peterson – SST Brian Robshaw Culinary Arts Scholarship.

Dylan Ryan – Arthur Tufts Scholarship.

Arianna Schaaff – Robinson Seminary & Gaynor Memorial Scholarships.

Sarah Schanck – Exeter Education Association & EHS Cheerleading Boosters Scholarships.

Katelyn Thompson – Brentwood Teachers Association & Exeter Professional Firefighters Scholarships.

Other Graduations

Megan Berg graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Dover, in June.

Stephen Kolacz III received his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering from the University of New Hampshire. He is currently employed at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as an electrical engineer on the nuclear submarines. He is the son of Lisa and Steve Kolacz of Scrabble Rd.

Angus Jameson, MPH, MD, graduated in June from the University of Pittsburgh's Affiliated Residency in Emergency Medicine. He has accepted a fellowship with the New York City Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services. He is the son of Craig and Bobbie Jameson of 305 Middle Road in Brentwood.

Joseph Piecuch graduated from Colorado Mountain College in Steamboat Springs, Colorado with an Associate in Arts degree. He is the son of Debbie Thurston of Deer Hill Road and the late Bob Piecuch of Lee, NH.

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Katie Meline graduated *magna cum laude* from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut on May 16. She majored in Broadcast Journalism and minored in Sports Studies. She is the daughter of Steve and K.J. Meline of Mill Road.

Danielle Kolacz received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Admin., *summa cum laude*, with a focus in Accounting from the Whittemore School of Business & Economics, UNH in May 2009. On May 22, 2010 she received her Master of Science degree in Accounting, also from WSBE. She has accepted an auditing position at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Boston, to begin in August. She is the daughter of Lisa and Steve Kolacz of Scrabble Road.

Joshua Bunker-Worley graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelors Degree in Statistics from the University of New Hampshire on May 22. He is currently enrolled in the Statistics graduate program at UNH. Joshua was a Presidential Member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, Treasurer of Pi Mu Epsilon, a member of Golden Key International Honour Society and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Joshua is a veteran who served in the US Navy as a nuclear power mechanic aboard the USS George Washington from 1998–2004. The US Navy entered him in the prestigious Nuclear Power Training Program. Eventually he plans to work in the field of Biostatistics. He is the son of April Bunker Mailhot of Maine and Dixon Worley, stepson of Booker Nevius, and grandson of Reid and Dusty Bunker of Middle Road.

Achievements

Alyssa Dupere was named by Exeter High School one of the top ten students for the Class of 2010. She will attend the University of South Florida. She is the daughter of Lesley and Michael DiBurro of Brentwood and Craig Dupere of Fremont.

Catherine Anderson, a rising senior at Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, was named to the Dean's List and the W&L Honor Roll for the Winter/Spring semester. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society and named the recipient, for the junior class, of the George A. Mahon Award for Creative Writing. She is majoring in English, Latin American and Caribbean Studies. She is the daughter of William and Susan Anderson of Dudley Road.

Teddy and Robbie King both finished in the top 10 in the recent Exeter Criterium bicycle race. Teddy then flew to Europe to compete in the Tour of Austria beginning on July 4, as a member of the Cervello Test Team. Their parents are Edward and Margie King of Block Drive.

Alicia Rossman graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in Nutritional Sciences. A competitor for the last five years in the Miss New Hampshire scholarship program, she won over \$40,000 in scholarships to help with her college loans. Her Platform was "Share Our Strength: It Takes More than Food to Fight Hunger." During this period she spoke and sang before thousands of people, volunteered at Bethlehem Farm in West Virginia, did home repair with the Christian Appalachian Project in Kentucky, read to children about nutrition at Swasey Central School, Stratham Memorial School, and Exeter Library, cooked with children across the state and with the teens at New Outlook Center in Exeter, and traveled to Washington, D.C. to the office of the National Share Our Strength program. She was a volunteer for the New Hampshire Food Bank and a coordinator for Great American Bank Sales. Among other awards, this year she won the Miss America Community Service Award and the Miss New Hampshire Meg Geraghty Memorial Community Service Award. For other details visit her blog www.aliciarossman.blogspot.com.

Brentwood Gardeners

Our speaker on May 26 was Claire McGrail, who has a lifelong passion for dahlias. She is a garden consultant, and does not sell her plants. Her business is Serenity Garden Design and Consulting in Hampton. She is also a professor of English at Northern Essex Community College. This was a plus: she had a handout 11 pages long, with all kinds of tips lucidly presented.

She did bring along some beautiful specimen plants, which she used to illustrate some of the basic types of dahlia, and to make suggestions about how to prune the plants depending on how you want to balance bloom size versus numbers. There was also a very impressive tuber, to show the appearance of the eyes.

The schedule for next fall has been arranged. We will hear about hydrangeas in September, herbs (both medicinal and for seasoning) in October, and have a hands-on flower arranging session in November to prepare for the holiday season.

New members are always welcome at Brentwood Gardeners meetings. As you can see, we see and learn a lot and have fun doing it. For information call Diantha Wade, president, 772-5217.

Emily Schmalzer, Secretary

The July 4th Parade



The Swasey Swinging Stars Jump Rope Club gave energy to the whole parade.



Jon Worrall and friends led off in a very snappy new jeep.



There was a terrific variety of motorized wheels with drivers of all ages.



Kudos to Wellington Gardens for giving us the only float of the day



The Rockingham Riding Club and other beautiful Brentwood horses are a favorite part of the parade.



Brentwood's Cub Scouts, along with a spirited Girl Scout, made a great showing.

Report from Your State Representative

The last session of the legislature's 2009-2010 biennium, a special session called by the governor, ended with a whimper, not a bang. It would have been a bang if Senator Lou D'Allesandro's favorite cause, expanded gambling, had passed muster. I say "bang" because without question the statewide impact of expanded gambling would have been considerable. In the May Newsletter I laid out the pros and cons of expanded gambling and explained why I voted against the gambling bill that came to the House from the Senate: adverse societal consequences (e.g., increased onset of gambling addiction); a two-year or longer delay before most new revenue would come on stream; too-heavy a reliance on revenues from gambling; likely pressures to expand gambling even further. As it had in May, the House once again voted against the Senate bill, this time by a 191-141 margin. And once again the vote was non-partisan in nature, as majorities of both parties voted to kill the bill.

The most reliable poll on gambling was conducted in the fall of 2009 by UNH for the New Hampshire Gambling Study. Of the adults polled, 49 percent favored expanded gambling to raise revenue, 36 percent opposed it. I don't know what a poll of Brentwood would show. It could be that more of you support than oppose expanded gambling. Of the several emails I received on the subject, most favored the gambling bills (a couple threatened me with political oblivion if I didn't vote for the bills' passage).

This brings up an interesting question: should a member of the legislature always vote in accordance with what is or seems to be prevailing public opinion? I think not. The definition of representative government is "a form of government in which the citizens delegate authority to elected representatives." Implicit in delegation of authority is the notion that elected officials may at times, because they have greater knowledge of an issue or a clearer sense of the public good, vote contrary to public opinion. Of course ultimate authority is vested in the people, and if I, for example, vote my conscience but am out of phase with the wishes of the electorate, I will pay a price come election time. And that is as it should be.

The "whimper" of the last session of the biennium was the passage of a flawed but necessary bill for a balanced budget. Far from a bright and shiny piece of legislation, Special Session House Bill 1 was a patchwork quilt of measures, some of which pleased nobody. It was passed by a slender majority of votes only because failure to enact a budget bill would have led to drastic cuts in services, especially to the most needy of our citizens. The bill's less Draconian but still painful elements include further reductions in spending by some components of state government, like the judiciary, whose previously pared budgets have hampered their ability to meet public needs; Health and Human Services, which receives more funding than any other

agency, will be hardest hit. There will be no additional state employee layoffs beyond those the governor imposed in April, but new hiring and equipment purchases are frozen. Perhaps hardest to swallow is a provision that authorizes a transfer of some money from certain dedicated funds (e.g., Greenhouse gas emissions reduction fund) to the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

For the tax-averse (presumably just about everyone), there was a positive note -- the bill repealed the controversial LLC tax on businesses and did not include a capital gains tax or an estate tax, both of which the House Finance Committee had considered. The only tax increase, as such, will be a levy on tobacco products other than cigarettes.

For many members of the House, the end of the final session marks closure of the need to travel to Concord and attend to legislative matters. But a lot of us are obligated to continue working during part of the rest of the year. Some have been appointed to commissions or committees established to investigate and report on certain matters (for example, the Commission to Study the Death Penalty in New Hampshire). Others have been asked to work on bills that the House voted to hold over for interim study. Their job is to recommend whether or not the bills should be considered by the next legislature. From now into August I'll be one of three representatives gathering information and deliberating on a bill whose aim is to meld the state fire code and the state building code. If I haven't yet fully justified getting my \$100 yearly salary, this ought to do the trick.

Don Petterson

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Blog: <http://statereport.blogspot.com>

YARD SALE

+ Bake Sale, Crafts, & (hopefully) Fresh Veggies!

Saturday, July 31, 2010 8:00-2:00

First Baptist Church of Brentwood

Corner of Rte. 125 & North Road

Off street parking

RAIN OR SHINE! !

Space available -- \$20.00

Limited number of tables available, \$5 extra

Phone 679-4353 to reserve your spot today!

***Proceeds to benefit the
Ladies Circle's General Fund***

Brentwood Recreation News

Thank You to all of our volunteer baseball and softball coaches! We could not have done it without your time and effort. Thank you also to the businesses that sponsored our teams this year. Your support of our programs is greatly appreciated!

ATTENTION: Have you lost any keys lately? We have two sets of keys that were left at the Recreation area during our baseball/softball season and have not been claimed yet. Call the Recreation office if you think they may be yours.

**There is still time!! Sign up
for any of the following programs:**

Summer Soccer Camps

We will offer two soccer camps this summer for children:
With **PlaySoccer** July 26-30. *For children 4-12yrs.*
With **Challenger Sports** August 23-27. *For children 3-12 yrs.*

Brochures and Sign-up forms will be available in the Recreation office or you can sign-up online through the following websites:

PlaySoccer -- <http://www.playsoccercamps.com>

Challenger Sports --

<http://registration.challengersports.com>

Consider being a host family for a visiting coach and receive a great discount on your child's registration fee.

Basketball Skills Clinic

**Saturday, July 24 at the Talbot Gym in Exeter
Open to Girls and Boys 3rd grade through 6th grade**

We will offer 3-hour Basketball Skills clinics to introduce simple drills and techniques for individual skill development ahead of fall recreation league play. The emphasis will be on active participation and creative drills, supervised by local area recreation league coaches.

Clinic focus will be on:

- Providing stationary, dribbling and finishing drills to improve ball handling (use of 2 ball drills emphasized for development of weak hand).
- Providing fundamental shooting skills emphasizing proper technique and shot preparation.

Session 1 (3rd and 4th Grade) 9am-12pm

Session 2 (5th and 6th Grade) 1pm-4pm

Cost: \$10

Registration forms are available in the Recreation office or on our website.

(The clinic is open to residents and non-residents)

Baseball Camp

The Granite State Baseball School will offer a 3 day baseball camp Aug 4, 5 and 6 at the Brentwood Recreation Area on Route 125.

The camp will run from **8:30am-12:30pm** and will be open to boys and girls ages 8-13. The cost for the camp is \$120 and family discounts are available. Instruction for the camp will focus on hitting, throwing and fielding, defensive positions, base running and games. The Granite State Baseball School is owned and directed by Bruce Joyce, who is currently the freshman baseball coach at Exeter High School. Joyce has well over 20 years of baseball coaching experience, including 21 years as former head coach at Southern NH University in Manchester. Joyce's baseball school is now in its 20th year of offering camps, clinics and lessons year-round. He has worked together with the Exeter Junior Baseball League for many years to offer a series of winter baseball clinics and this past December started his Holiday Baseball Camp during the school vacation week. For more information or to register for this 3-day camp, contact Bruce Joyce at 770-7505 or brucejoyce14@gmail.com.

American Red Cross Baby Sitter Training Course

Tuesday August 3 9am-3:30pm

This fun interactive course teaches first aid and safety skills so sitters can prevent and respond to emergencies. They will learn to supervise infants to school age children, make good responsible decisions and perform basic care routines. Sign-up in the Recreation Office. Space is limited.

Cost: \$52 Only 2 spots left!

Discount Water Country Tickets

Tickets will be available again this summer for just **\$25**. That's an \$11.99 savings! You can purchase tickets at the Recreation Office.

Zumba Fitness Classes

Zumba® is a Latin-inspired dance-fitness cardio based workout that with incorporated sculpting exercises tones the entire body top to bottom. Zumba® takes you on an international journey through dance and rhythms including Salsa, Reggaeton, Merengue, Cumbia and much more. You will have so much fun listening to the music, doing the steps and moving your body you will forget you are exercising.

Instructor Julie Dolliver is Zumba® and Zumba® Gold Certified and soon to be Zumba® Toning Certified. She also holds a Personal Trainer Certification and Group Fitness Certification through AFAA and is CPR certified.

Please wear comfortable clothing and sneakers (older worn sneakers work best). Bring water!

Cost is \$40/ six weeks. Drop-in is \$8.00

**Evening Class – Thurs. 7-8 pm June 24 – July 29
Morning Class—Tues. 9-10am July 6 – August 17**

Registration forms are available at the Recreation office, on our website or at the door.

Yoga Classes

Six weeks for \$48 \$10 drop-in

Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 7:45 PM

Brentwood Recreation Center

These will be yoga classes for anyone who has already experienced yoga, as well as for someone who would like to try yoga for the first time. Dress in comfortable clothing for this hour-and-fifteen minute class to enjoy the benefits of yoga for strength, flexibility, and for stress-reduction in your life. **Come join us!**

All-levels yoga classes, taught by Yoga Alliance Certified Instructor, Wilhelmina Bradley, RYT.

Tang Soo Do Classes

Tang Soo Do is a Korean Martial Art that emphasizes whole body self defense and physical training. It is a true Martial Art comprising both hard and soft techniques. Training in Tang Soo Do is beneficial for self-discipline, self-defense and health. Classes are taught by retired law enforcement officer Bob Meegan. He is currently a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

Classes are available **Monday and Friday** at the Brentwood Community Center, **6:30-8:00pm**. Enrollment is continual, so you may begin at any point.

Cost: \$50/single per month
\$90/family per month (2 or more)

For more information contact instructor Bob Meegan at 742-3565 or contact the Recreation office.

Fall Soccer

Our Fall Soccer program offers soccer for players 4&5yr. (players must be 4yrs. by 9/1/10), 1st and 2nd grade, and 3rd & 4th grade. The season will run from September 11 through October 30. Sign-ups will begin Monday, July 26. Registration forms are available at the Recreation office or on our website. The cost is \$30 per player (\$60 max per family). Deadline will be Monday, August 23

Remember.... We have kayaks and canoes available, at no charge, for town residents to use. Call the Recreation office, if you are interested in borrowing them.

Facilities Rental

Consider having your meeting, birthday party, shower, or other events at our facility. Brentwood residents receive a 50% discount off the rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office.

Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, www.brentwoodnh.gov. Forms are there to be downloaded for your convenience, as well as other important information about current programs and events.

Margaret Dullea, Recreation Director

(603) 642-6400 ext. 20 recreation@brentwoodnh.gov

Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am-3:30 pm.

Commission meetings 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

To the Editor:

In our last electric bill there was the usual little flyer giving tips for electrical this and that and also a small blurb about the new "green rate." Intrigued, I called the company to find out more. What it amounted to was that customers could give the electric company money, based on their kilowatt usage, in increments of 25, 50, 75 or 100%, starting at \$4.42, which would be 25%, based on the usage of 500 kilowatt hours per month. This is on top of the electric bill, not a discount. The money would be put in a fund, which would probably be invested to garner interest, to help the company fund new alternative energy sources. Now the last time I looked, it was part of a company's operating budget to set aside money for new endeavors; they didn't ask customers to fund it for them. Then they would recoup the money spent in charging for the new service.

This little article was presented in very ambiguous terms, saying how nice it would be to do something "green" and that by giving this money we would be saving the environment and each donator would be immediately keeping 1,600 pounds of CO₂ out of the air. How giving money is going to keep CO₂ out of the air is beyond me. Did you know that green plants need CO₂ to live? They take in CO₂ and give off O₂, which is good for us. Maybe giving money to the electric company, over and above our bill, means less money for gas, so we won't be using the car as much.

Do you want to do something really green? Hang the sheets on a clothesline to dry and enjoy that wonderful fresh smell when you get into bed. Hangs the jeans, too, they take a long time in the dryer. Instead of using harsh bathroom cleaners, use soap and one of those bath puffs to clean the shower walls. They'll shine like mirrors. Use baking soda to scrub the toilet and tub. And for iron stains, the oxygen cleaners work very well. Just leave it on overnight and rinse in the morning. Don't use commercial lawn sprays, they run into the river and encourage algae growth. And save all the errands for one trip instead of running out every day. (You'll probably have to anyway after giving the gas money to the electric company.)

Bonnie Gunther

Alias the Green Fairy

Brentwood Historical Society

We have been open this summer on the first Saturday of the month and as those of you who have stopped in have found out, it's been kind of fun and rewarding to browse through old scrapbooks and have a look around to remember what your "grandmother" had hanging around in the kitchen, in the shed and in the bath!



Ellen Wolff, Kevin King and their son Aidan Wolff-King

Last month the officers and members of the society had the privilege of touring what is called the oldest house in Brentwood (1705). It is currently owned by Ellen Wolff and Kevin King, who so graciously showed us through their home, pointing out or letting us discover some of the fascinating details of the construction of the house. As we went from room to room we had some great discussions concerning the historic aspects of the house and how they have preserved or restored them. We want to express our sincere thanks for the warm welcome Ellen, Kevin and their son Aidan extended to us in opening their home for us to ramble through.

We have another "trip" in the planning stages to take place sometime in the next few weeks, so members watch the mail or keep your ears open for the phone call. Membership is only five dollars a year and we are constantly seeking new members to help us preserve our history in fact, in pictures, and in artifacts. You don't have to have any specific historic knowledge -- although you might be surprised at what you could tell us that we don't know or have been trying to find out -- just the desire to keep the past alive for generations to come. Some day, today will be old to them!

The museum will be open on Saturday, August 7 from 10 am to 1 pm. All are welcome to stop by. Our first official fall meeting will be the second Thursday in September and we will learn about the earlier days along

the Crawley Falls Road by one of the long-time residents of the area. For information feel free to call me at 679-8635.

Alma Vahey, President

Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

The Funky Divas of Gospel are coming! If you have never seen this terrific singing group made up of a dozen vocalists and a five piece band, do not miss this event. If you have seen them, there is no need to tell you how much fun their traditional and contemporary music is. Join us in the amphitheater on Friday, August 6th at 6:30 PM and enjoy a mix of Southern African and American traditional music with an R&B flavor. Check out <http://www.funkydivasofgospel.com>.

The Brentwood Bookers will be meeting on Monday evening, July 26th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles.

The summer reading program, *Make a Splash* for Reading will be coming to an end on Friday, July 30th with the third annual talent show. Check out all of the other super events that Joyce Miller has scheduled on our website, brentwoodlibrary.org or look for us on Facebook.

The Downloadable book and audio book program has become ever more popular. If you are going on one of those interminable summer drives to visit relatives or a vacation spot, take a look at this program on our website.

We have a PaperRetriever Recycling bin here at the library. We need to generate at least two tons of newspapers, catalogs, magazines, mail and office paper and shredded paper in clear plastic bags each month. No cardboard, cereal boxes, kitchen/bathroom products, phone books, plastics, metals or garbage please. This is a great opportunity for community members to recycle while making a profit for your library.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Marilyn Morehead, Library Director

To the Editor:**Voters of Brentwood –**

Are you frustrated with the way your state government is conducting its affairs in Concord?

Are you tired of listening to politicians talk about your need to cut back on your household budget during these difficult economic times, while they inflate state spending well beyond the state's ability to pay for it, and then turn around and tell you the state's having a "revenue crisis"?

Are you ready for principled and responsible representation in the New Hampshire state legislature?

My name is Bruce MacMahon and I'm running for State Representative for Brentwood on a platform of local government, fiscal responsibility, and individual rights. In these tough and uncertain times, it's inconceivable to me that there are so many in state government who think the best course of action for our state is to spend beyond our means and then put the screws to the already-overburdened taxpayers when the bill comes due. If elected, I pledge to serve as a voice for common sense solutions that work in the best interest of the residents and business owners of Brentwood - solutions rooted in the principles of personal and economic freedom and local control of government.

Thank you in advance for your support, and I look forward to meeting and speaking with you all in the months leading up to Election Day.

Bruce MacMahon

Republican Candidate for State Representative, Rockingham
County District 10, Brentwood.
On the web: www.bruceforstaterep.com

Brentwood Republican Committee

The Brentwood Republican Committee has been very active the past few months with Candidate Forum's and planning for a busy summer. Our town committee, along with the Rockingham County Republicans, is hosting a "Meet the Candidates" Picnic on Saturday, July 17 from 11AM-3PM at the Brentwood Recreation Area and Community Center. Activities include a raffle of items donated by Town Committees throughout Rockingham County, many Republican candidates, and local businesses. Republican candidates for all major offices are expected to attend, including US Senate hopefuls Jim Bender, Kelly Ayotte, Bill Binnie, Dennis Lamare and Ovide Lamontagne; US Congress candidates Rich Ashooh, Charlie Bass, Bob Bestani, Peter Bearse, Frank Guinta, Jennifer Horn and Sean Mahoney; and the three candidates running for the office of Governor of New Hampshire, Jack Kimball, John

Stephen, and Karen Testerman. The majority of Republican candidates from Rockingham County running for the New Hampshire House, New Hampshire Senate and Executive Council are expecting to be there, including Brentwood's own Bruce MacMahon, running to represent us in the State House. All adult ticket holders are also encouraged to participate in the straw poll, which will give a look into who has the early lead in the Senate, Congress and Governor races. Tickets are \$10/person, or \$25/family, and can be purchased via mail by sending a check payable to "Rockingham County Republican Committee" for the number of tickets requested to: RCRC Picnic, P.O. Box 732, Exeter, NH 03833 or by calling Mike Silverwood at (603) 793-6992.

The Brentwood Republican Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month, in the County Commissioners Conference Room at the Rockingham County Complex on North Road. On Wednesday, September 8, we have invited Bruce MacMahon, Jack Barnes, Chris Sununu, and Maureen Barrows, the Republican candidates for Brentwood's local offices, to our "Candi-Date" event, beginning at 7PM in the Hilton Auditorium, at the Rockingham County Complex, 117 North Road in Brentwood. The Candidates are running to represent Brentwood in the New Hampshire House, New Hampshire Senate, Executive Council, and County Commissioner, respectively, and will be here to speak one-on-one with our residents in small groups. Visit our website, at www.brentwoodnhgop.org for up to the minute information, or e-mail us at info@brentwoodnhgop.org

Don't forget to get out and vote in the Primary on Tuesday, September 14, and then on Tuesday, November 2nd in the general election! Voting is held at the Brentwood Community Center on Rte 125. Check the September issue of the *Brentwood Newsletter* for polling hours.

Mike Silverwood

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| July 12 | School Board – 6:15 pm, Swasey School |
| July 14 | Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building |
| July 15 | Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building |
| July 17 | Republican Picnic – 11:00am-3:00pm, Brentwood Recreation Center |
| July 20 | Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building |
| July 26 | Book discussion (Brentwood Bookers) <i>A Separate Peace</i> , – 7:00 pm, Library |
| July 27 | Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Town Office Building |
| July 31 | Yard Sale at Baptist Church – 8:00am – 2:00 pm |
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| Aug. 2 | Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office
Firemen's Association – 7:30 pm, Fire House |
| Aug. 3 | Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building |
| Aug. 4 | Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building |
| Aug. 5 | Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office |
| Aug. 6 | The Funky Divas of Gospel – 6:30 pm, Library amphitheater |
| Aug. 7 | Historical Society Museum open – 10:00am – 1:00 pm |
| Aug. 9 | School Board – 6:15 pm, Swasey School |
| Aug. 11 | Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office |
| Aug. 17 | Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office |
| Aug. 19 | Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building |
| Aug. 24 | Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Town Office Building |

The public is welcome at all above events